



MAYOR AND COUNCIL AGENDA

NO. 5

DEPT.: / Police

STAFF CONTACT: Chief T. N. Treschuk

DATE PREPARED: March 11, 2005

MEETING OF: April 4, 2005

SUBJECT: 2005 Chiefs' Challenge Proclamation

RECOMMENDATION: Read and present proclamation. Members from the Traffic Unit of the Rockville City Police Department will accept.

DISCUSSION:

Options Considered:

Fiscal Impact:

Change in Law or Policy:

Boards and Commissions Review:

Next Steps:

PREPARED BY: Miriam Resnick, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED BY: T. N. Treschuk, Chief of Police

DATE: 3/10/05

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:

Proclamation



WHEREAS, "The 2005 Maryland Chiefs' Challenge Campaign" provides communities and organizations with an excellent opportunity to join Maryland's law enforcement community in their efforts to increase the correct use of safety seats by focusing attention to the lifesaving benefits of these systems; and

WHEREAS, April and May, 2005, have been declared Maryland Chiefs' Challenge months in Rockville City because every 15 seconds someone in America is injured or killed in a traffic crash, and traffic related injuries are the leading cause of all injury deaths in America and the leading cause of death for people ages six through thirty-three; and

WHEREAS, traffic-related injuries are the leading cause of all injury deaths in America and the leading cause of death for people ages six through 33 years old;

WHEREAS, when used correctly, lap and shoulder belts reduce the risk of fatal or serious occupant injury to front seat passengers by 45 to 55 percent;

WHEREAS, child safety seats are the most effective occupant protection devices used in motor vehicles today, and when used correctly, they are 71 percent effective in reducing fatalities in children age five and younger;

WHEREAS, one of the best defenses against the drunk and drugged driver is the use of safety belts combined with air bags for adults, and the use of properly installed child safety seats and booster seats, in the rear seat of most vehicles;

WHEREAS, through continued public awareness, education, and enforcement of Maryland's seat belt and child passenger safety laws, death and serious injury can be significantly reduced;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Larry Giammo, Mayor, along with the Council of the City of Rockville, do hereby proclaim the months of April and May 2005, as **The 2004 Maryland Chiefs' Challenge Months** and encourage the community to observe these months with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities to increase the use of safety belts and child safety seats.



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Mayor Larry Giammo

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April 18, 2005